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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Gary R. Hammerslag  
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For : FOOTWEAR LACING SYSTEM  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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